



Dranesville Happenings

July 2015

Announcements and Upcoming Activities in and Around the Dranesville District



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Welcome to the Dranesville Happenings, providing you with information about upcoming events and activities around the County and in the Dranesville District.

EVENTS

Now through August 7: Some FCPS Schools participating in Summer Food Service Program

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) will participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's summer food service program for children, a program established to ensure that students who qualify for free and reduced-price meals during the school year continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session.

Within the Dranesville District, meals may be provided, pending qualification, at the sites and times listed here:

| School Site | Dates | Breakfast | Lunch |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Clearview ES | July 6 to 31 | 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. | Noon to 12:45 p.m. |
| Herndon ES | June 29 to Aug. 7 | 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. | Noon to 12:30 p.m. |
| Hutchison ES | June 29 to Aug. 7 | 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. | Noon to 12:30 p.m. |

Some school sites are subject to change, pending approval from the Virginia Department of Health. For more information and a complete list of participating schools, contact the FCPS Office of Food and Nutrition Services at 703-813-4800.

Now through July 4: Cat Adoption Fees Waived at "Extravacatza!"

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter's Extravacatza! celebration is back. Now through Saturday, July 4, come meet all of the great cats at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter and find your very own furry friend to take home. Fees for the adoptions of all adult cats will be waived during this time.

The shelter will be open on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4. Regular adoption hours are from noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

[View available pets online and learn about the adoption process.](#) Have questions? Contact the shelter at 703-830-1100 or email animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.

July 4: Dranesville-Area 4th of July Fireworks

Town of Herndon

Bready Park

814 Ferndale Avenue
Herndon

Join the Town of Herndon on July 4th for a family-fun event featuring games, arts & craft activities, bingo, balloon artists, and more. At 7 p.m. balloon sculpturing, bingo and crafts begin - all for free! Festival foods will be available for sale. 7:15 p.m. Entertainment - to be announced. Fireworks show is choreographed to music and begins at dark, approximately 9:30 p.m.

Website: www.herndon-va.gov

McLean

Cooper Middle School

977 Balls Hill Road
McLean

- Please note there is no parking available on-site
- Free Shuttle Buses (Handicapped Equipped) at McLean Community Center and St. John's Episcopal Church
- Disc Jockey
- Snack vendors

Please note: Smoking, alcohol, glass containers, personal fireworks, weapons and pets are not allowed on school grounds.

Website: www.mcleancenter.org/calendar/icalrepeat.detail/2013/07/04/1288/79/4th-of-july-fireworks

City of Falls Church

George Mason High School

7124 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church

The City sponsors an annual July 4th Independence Day Celebration at George Mason High School. Entertainment begins at 7 p.m. with fireworks at 9:30 p.m. The event is free to the public. No alcohol, personal fireworks, or smoking permitted on school grounds.

Website: www.fallschurchva.gov

July 4: Great Falls 4th of July Fun Run

The Great Falls Trail Blazers and [Koko Fit Club](#) are partnering to sponsor an Independence Day 5K Fun Run in Great Falls. Gather at the Freedom Memorial next to Great Falls Library for a prompt **8 a.m. race start**. Bring your family and friends, including pets on leashes! Finish in time to attend the parade in the Village Center.

The race is free to all, but all participants must sign a [waiver form](#). Visit <https://runsignup.com/Register/?raceId=22395> to sign up.

To volunteer, please visit <http://greatfallstrailblazers.us2.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=0df208236dd2a317480166a8d&id=56dd57578c&e=6e30cc2422>. All volunteers must be at least 13 years of age.

July 4: Great Falls Independence Day Farmers Market and Breakfast

Why not try breakfast at the Great Falls Farmers Market this Independence Day? Enjoy a medley of delights from all of the vendors. Reservations are required for breakfast at a fixed-price cost of \$12 per person.

Breakfast Details:

July 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

(Market closes at 12:00 noon.)

Great Falls Village Centre

778 Walker Road - Parking lot next to Wells Fargo Bank

Great Falls

To view the menu visit <http://greatfallsfarmersmarket.org/>. Reservations must be made by Thursday, July 2. For more information call 917-673-3149 or email Kathleen@GreatFallsFarmersMarket.org.

July 7: Great Falls Senior Center Luncheon at River Bend Country Club

The July event of the Great Falls Senior Center will be a luncheon held at the River Bend Country Club.

Event details:

Tuesday, July 7

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

River Bend Country Club

375 Walker Road

Great Falls

Reservations are limited, at a cost of \$35.00 per person (including tip and tax).

Call Sondra Taylor 703-759-6204 or email staylor131@cox.net. Include in email if you need a confirmation of receipt. Send checks (payable to GFSC) to Sondra Taylor, 752 Boehms Court, Great Falls 22066. Additional information and registration form can be found at www.gfseniors.org, or call Diane Drewry at 703-759-5829 or Marietna (Mimi) Mascolo at 703-404-0124.

July 13 to 17: Herndon Police Department Youth Police Academy

The Herndon Police Department will be hosting a week long Youth Police Academy this summer. Topics covered in this free Academy include: Traffic Enforcement, Forensic Investigation, Criminal Investigation, Communications, Canine and Computer Crimes.

The Academy will be held daily July 13 through 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Youths between the ages of 14 and 17 who are interested in a career in law enforcement are encouraged to attend.

For more information please contact Officer Denise Randles at 703-435-6800 ext. 2343 or email denise.randles@herndon-va.gov.

July 15, September 16, October 7: Virtual Career Fairs for Job Seekers with Disabilities

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board is holding several career fairs for job seekers with disabilities.

Job fair topics:

- **July 15:** [Businesses hiring for Retail, Sales, and Customer Service positions](#)
- **September 16:** [Businesses hiring for Healthcare, Accounting & Finance, and Administration/ Clerical positions](#)
- **October 7:** [Businesses hiring for a variety of open positions](#)

For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb, email wwwcsb@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-7000, TTY 711.

July 15: FCPS Information Session for Prospective Principals and Assistant Principals

To meet the hiring needs of the upcoming school year, Fairfax County Public Schools' (FCPS) Department of Human Resources will host an information session for external principal and assistant principal candidates.

Session details:

Wednesday, July 15

3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Gatehouse Administration Center, Gatehouse Café

8115 Gatehouse Rd.

Falls Church

Interested candidates may register for the event at <http://goo.gl/forms/EjGypx5ZnW>. Please register by July 8.

Questions should be directed to the FCPS Department of Human Resources' Office of Administrative Staffing at 571-423-3111.

July 18, August 8: AAUW Used Book Collection Events *September 18, 19, 20: AAUW Used Book Sale*

Collection events for American Association of University Woman's annual book sale are underway. Still needed are more used books (especially children's books), CDs, DVDs, software, records and recent textbooks. (Encyclopedias and VHS or audio tapes are not wanted.) Sale proceeds provide scholarships and fellowships for women.

Collection drop off details:

Saturday July 18 and August 8

From 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Vienna Sun Trust Ban

515 Maple Ave East

Vienna.

Don't forget to attend the book sale, September 18, 19 and 20 at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean.

For more information, email aauwbookfair@gmail.com, call 703-527-4201 or visit McLean-va.aauw.net.

August 1 and 2: Book Sale to Benefit the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library

Friends of the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library is holding a book sale to benefit the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library on August 1 and 2. Choose from a large selection of books, magazines, DVDs and other media for all ages.

Event details:

Saturday, August 1, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library

7584 Leesburg Pike

Falls Church

(Bag Sale/Clearance will be on Sunday, August 2, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

The library is also accepting donated media.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I-495 Shoulder Lane Opening

New lane to improve travel during rush hours

Commuters on the inner loop of the Capital Beltway (I-495) will have an additional lane as early as Tuesday morning, July 7, when the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) opens the I-495 shoulder lane, improving travel conditions where the northbound 495 Express Lanes join the regular lanes.

The 1.5-mile lane will allow traffic to travel on the left shoulder of northbound I-495 from where the 495 Express Lanes end to the George Washington Parkway. The shoulder will be open to all traffic from 7-11 a.m. and 2-8 p.m. on weekdays. A lane-use management system, with green arrows and red "X's," similar to the lane-control system on I-66, will alert travelers when the shoulder is open.

In addition to the extra lane, several safety enhancements have been implemented such as upgraded concrete barriers in the median of I-495, new cameras and electronic highway signs to help with incident response and traveler information, and new pavement.

All travelers and buses will benefit from the new capacity and improved merge. There will be no barrier separation between the shoulder lane and the regular Beltway lanes, ensuring easy access for travelers.

Construction on the \$20 million project began in June 2014.

For more information contact Michelle Holland with VDOT at 703-259-3378 or email Michelle.Holland@vdot.virginia.gov.

Herndon Elementary School to Host Summer Bookmobile

With a goal of getting books into the hands of as many students as possible, teachers at Herndon Elementary School have organized a summer bookmobile to serve their students during summer vacation. Support for the project has spread, as many teachers at Herndon Elementary and Herndon Pyramid schools are collecting books and have volunteered their time to help out, including reading to students during the bookmobile's trips around Herndon.

The bookmobile will be at Lifestyle Apartments and Parkridge Apartments each Wednesday through August 19.

If you would like to donate elementary age appropriate books, you may drop them off during working hours on weekdays at one of these locations:

- Trinity Presbyterian on Dranesville Road.
- Herndon office of Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust in the Herndon Old Town Hall.
- McLean office of Supervisor Foust at 6649A Old Dominion Drive.

To volunteer to read to students, contact Lizette Bennett at elbennett@fcps.edu or call 703-326-3100.

Can You Spare Fresh Produce From Your Garden for SHARE of McLean?

If you are a local gardener growing herbs and vegetables, please consider donating some of your fresh produce this summer to McLean SHARE's Food Pantry.

For more information on when and where to bring donated produce, please visit <http://www.shareofmclean.org/> or email Therese at tdyercaplan@gmail.com or Joan at Greenfoursome@cox.net. SHARE of McLean is located on the lower level of McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Road in McLean.

MCVA Caregivers Support Group

McLean Community: A Village for All Ages (MCVA) has a Caregivers Support Group which meets on the first and third Fridays of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 am at the Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Old Chain Bridge Road in McLean.

To learn more about the MCVA Caregivers Support Group, email Jack Tarr at jtarr5@verizon.net or call him at 703-821-6838. For more information about the MCVA visit www.mcva.weebly.com.

Calling Future Foster Parents!

The Foster Care programs of Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) are seeking foster parents, especially those who are interested in caring for siblings and teens. The program is designed to help families get the most out of their foster and respite care experience.

NVFS staff provide:

- Intensive training, certification and continuing education opportunities
- Careful child/parent matching
- Ongoing support and 24-hour help from professional social workers
- Help locating support services for the children and youth in our program
- Family activities and support groups

- Parents Only section of the website providing training and resources

The next training session will be held on September 12, 19 and 26 (all three sessions mandatory) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Oakton, Virginia.

For more information, please email Ginny Snaider, Program Supervisor, at gsnaider@nvfs.org or call 571-748-2557.

Track and Lookup Community Health Data at the New Community Health Dashboard

A new **Community Health Dashboard** has been launched by Live Healthy Fairfax to provide accurate and timely data, best practices, and other information to promote health and well-being in the Fairfax community. By accessing the dashboard, found at www.livehealthyfairfax.org, users can:

- Access social, health and demographic data by topic or geographic location within the Fairfax Health District;
- Find data broken down by age, gender, and race/ethnicity, where available;
- View multiple health indicators at once, or a single indicator across multiple locations, including by zip code, county or census tract;
- Compare county indicators to the national targets identified in Healthy People 2020; and
- Build customized reports on health topics of interest.

For more information visit www.livehealthyfairfax.org.

Shepherd Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church Needs Volunteer Drivers

The Shepherd Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church (SCMAFC) needs more drivers to provide seniors with free transportation to and from their medical and therapy appointments.

No long term commitment is required and you may volunteer only when your schedule permits.

To find out how you can volunteer, call the Shepherd's Center at 703-506-2199 or e-mail info@scmafc.org. For more information about SCMAFC, visit <http://www.shepherdscentermcafc.org/index.html>.

Volunteers Needed at Division of Adult and Aging Services

Meaningful volunteer opportunities are available to improve the lives of older adults and adults with disabilities in Fairfax County. Below is a small sample of volunteer opportunities available in the Dranesville district. For a complete list visit <http://fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults> and follow the link to "Volunteer Solutions".

- The **Herndon Adult Day Health Care Center** needs a **Piano Player** to play classical or music from the 1960s and before for one hour a few times per month during lunch.
- **Meals on Wheels** needs **coordinators, co-coordinators, and substitute drivers** for routes throughout the county. Meals are delivered between the hours of 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Fairfax County needs volunteers to **drive older adults to medical appointments** and wellness programs.
- The **Lewinsville Senior Center** in **McLean** needs instructors for the following classes: **Zumba Gold, Certified Arthritis Exercise, Square Dance, Basic Guitar, Art and Basic Spanish.**

To volunteer, please complete an online registration form at

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/volunteer/VolReg/VolunteerRegistration.aspx>. For more information please call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, email VolunteerSolutions@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. For information, call the Dranesville District office at 703-356-0551, TTY 711.

If you would like your community announcement included in Dranesville Happenings please send an email to Dranesville@FairfaxCounty.gov.

